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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Sandy Nell, Runaway Mine, S/041/034, Sevier County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 6, 2003
Time of Inspection: 10:00 a.m.
Conditions: Clear, warm
Participants: Sandy Nell, Operator; Michael Jackson, BLM; Tom Munson and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To check site conditions and location of this proposed new operation.

Background:

The Division received the Notice of Intent for this operation on July 18, 2003. A copy was forwarded to BLM (Michael Jackson) since this operation is located on BLM administered lands. After reviewing the Notice, the BLM contacted the Division indicating that the Notice we forwarded was substantially different from what the operator had indicated to the BLM as to their mining intentions. An onsite meeting was recommended to work out the differences so that the operator and both agencies were on the same 'page'.

Observations:

While the Operator had provided plans for conducting mining operations to the Division, they had only indicated to the BLM that they intended to drill several exploratory holes, since surface samples that had been collected showed promise. Two of three potential sites were easily accessible and had been disturbed historically by mining related activities (during the 50's and 60's for potential uranium or potash). The operator intends to drill 3-4 holes at each location to determine the extent of the clay material being sought for. The operator will use a small, self-contained drill rig for this activity, to minimize impacts, since two of the three sites do not have road access to them. If successful in locating sufficient quantity and quality of clay, the operator will then proceed with mine development. The operator was told that the described exploration activities would be covered under the small mining notice, and that he will not need to re-submit an exploration notice to the Division.

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